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Felon Sentenced to Prison for Robbing Girlfriend in Pomona

A 28-year-old man was sentenced today to 20 years in state prison for robbing his girlfriend in Pomona, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At today's court appearance, defendant Mario Soto of Bell pleaded no contest to a felony count of second-degree robbery in case KA109731.

Additionally, Soto admitted he was previously convicted of attempted carjacking in 2007 and carjacking in 2009.

Deputy District Attorney Rose Carrion, who prosecuted the case, said on May 17, 2015, Soto traveled to his girlfriend's Pomona home and the two got into a physical altercation outside the residence.

The girlfriend began screaming for help, at which point her father came out of his home to see what was occurring. Soto subsequently fled the scene with the girlfriend's purse, the prosecutor said. Hours later, the victim's mother called law enforcement after the defendant returned to the location.

Soon after, police arrived in the area, located Soto and he was arrested.

The case was investigated by the Pomona Police Department.

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